



What is IMI?

The Internal Market Information System (IMI) is a secure, multilingual online tool, facilitating the exchange of information between public authorities involved in the practical implementation of EU law.

IMI helps authorities to fulfil their cross-border administrative cooperation obligations in multiple Single Market policy areas. Currently, IMI supports 34 administrative cooperation procedures in 12 different policy areas. IMI can be adapted, with little or no development effort, to support further policy areas.

The IMI network connects 7,800 national public authorities. It has succeeded in modernising cross-border administrative cooperation and ensuring that the Single Market works on the ground. Although the end-users of IMI are national public authorities, the beneficiaries of this improved cooperation are businesses and citizens.

Key facts and figures

- IMI has been developed by the Commission in close collaboration with the Member States.
- The first information exchanges took place in 2008. The total number of all IMI exchanges exceeds 114,000.
- The volumes of IMI information requests have increased from 30 per month in 2008 to more than 1200 per month in 2017.
- Adopted in 2012, the IMI Regulation sets out the scope of IMI, the roles and responsibilities of the different actors, and rules for handling personal data.
- Launched in 2016, the European Professional Card (EPC) is the first fully online EU-wide procedure, speeding up recognition of professional qualifications.
- There are now more than 7,800 registered authorities with over 18,000 registered users.

Types of information exchanges offered by IMI

The IMI tool-kit covers the most common administrative cooperation procedures:

- **IMI requests** are 'one-to-one' exchanges between two competent authorities.
- **IMI notifications and alerts** are 'one-to-many' exchanges where Member States can share information with other Member States and/or the Commission.
- **IMI repositories** allow authorities to share information relating to specific policy area in a centralised database.
- **Public interface** allows external actors to communicate with competent authorities registered in IMI (e.g. submission of SOLVIT cases and EPC applications).

The benefits of using IMI

- IMI can be used in all EU languages. Standardised content, questions, answers messages and form fields are pre-translated. In addition automated translation is made available for information provided in free text.
- IMI is flexible and can accommodate any national administrative structure (centralised, fully decentralised or anything in between).
- Exchange of information via IMI is fully secure and data protection proof.
- The use of IMI generates no IT costs for the Member States.
- All users can benefit from the existing network of National IMI Coordinators for training and support.

Figure 1: Legal areas supported by IMI

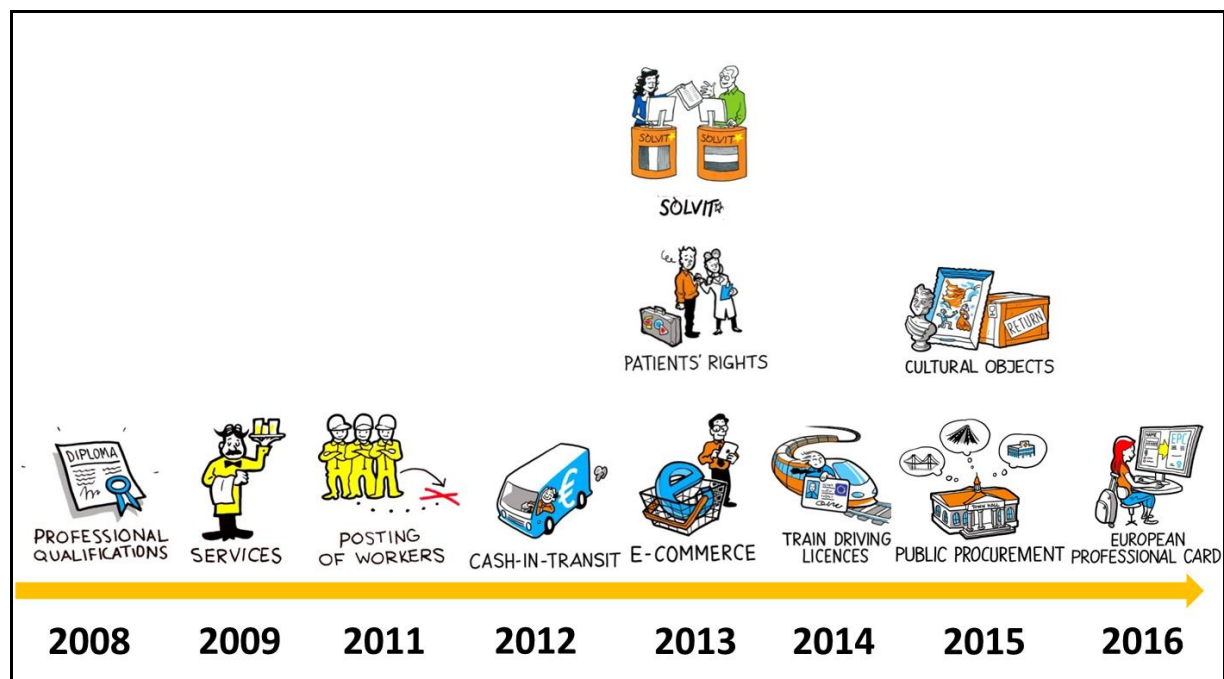


Table 1: Types of exchange used for each policy area / DG

Single Market Policy Area	Exchange Types(s)	DG
Professional Qualifications	Requests, Alerts, Notifications	GROW
Services	Requests, Alerts, Repository, Notifications	GROW
Posting of Workers	Requests, Notifications	EMPL
Euro Cash in Transit	Repository	ECFIN
SOLVIT	SOLVIT Cases	GROW
E-commerce	Requests, Notifications	CNECT
Cross-border Health Care	Requests	SANTE
Train Driving licenses	Requests, Notifications	MOVE
Cultural Objects	Requests, Notifications, Repository	GROW
Public Procurement	Requests	GROW
European Professional Card	Public interface, EPC applications, Repository, Notifications	GROW
Non-Road Mobile Machinery	Type approvals	GROW
<i>Public Documents (2018)</i>	<i>Requests, Repository</i>	<i>JUST</i>

Figure 2: Total number of information exchanges per year

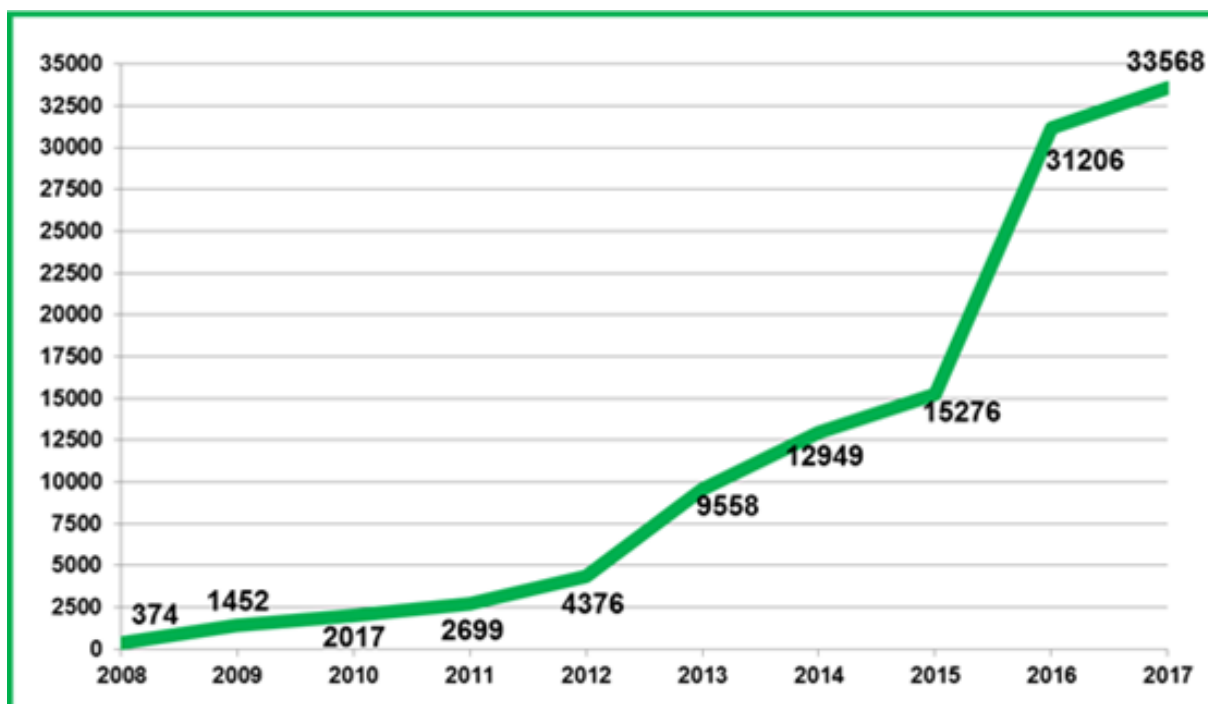


Table 2: Total number of each exchange type per year

	Requests	Repository entries	SOLVIT cases	Notifications	Alerts	EPC applications	All
2008	374						374
2009	1452						1452
2010	2017						2017
2011	2699	1126					3825
2012	4306	70					4376
2013	5957	39	3515	47			9558
2014	7595	20	5099	235			12949
2015	9665	40	4992	578	1		15276
2016	11894	30	5343	653	11212	2100	31232
2017	14764	22	4754	318	11402	2308	33568
All years	60723	1347	23703	1831	22615	4408	114627

IMI website:

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